

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 2201 - HB 2603

February 23, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates an 11-member task force to study the feasibility of public institutions of higher education collaborating with for-profit and non-profit education organizations as a way to decrease tuition and fee costs for students.

Sets forth the composition of the task force including the Chair of the Education Administration and Planning Committee of the Senate, the Chair of the Education Administration and Planning Committee of the House of Representatives, the Chair of the Education Instruction and Programs Committee of the House of Representatives and eight non-legislative members. Members of the task force will serve without compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration.

The Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) shall provide support services to the task force. The Executive Director of THEC shall submit a report of the task force's findings and recommendations to the Education Committees of the General Assembly by February 2, 2017. The task force will terminate upon completion of the task force's report and recommendations.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$2,100/Each One-Day Meeting

Assumptions:

- Legislative members will receive travel expenses and per diem when task force meetings. There are three legislative members on the task force; the other members will be non-legislative members that will only receive mileage reimbursement.
- Legislative members will receive travel and per diem expenses estimated to be \$1,031 per meeting [(\$204 per diem + \$139.59 mileage for each members) x 3 members]; and non-legislative members will be reimbursed for mileage at a rate similar to legislative members, thus expenses of \$1,117 (\$139.59 x 8 non-legislative members).
- The total increase in state expenditures for each one-day meeting is estimated to be \$2,148 (\$1,031 + \$1,117).
- Any increase in expenditures incurred by THEC to provide support services to the task force is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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